



Lawrence E. Ridgeway

August 2, 1923 - September 17, 2023

Lawrence Edward Ridgeway, age 100, of Mayflower, Arkansas, passed away Sunday, September 17, 2023. He was born August 3, 1923, in Cabot, Arkansas, a son of Luster Ridgeway and Lessie Guess Ridgeway. He was preceded in death by his wife, Letha Crowder Ridgeway, to whom he was married to for 73 years, his parents, his brother, Claude Ridgeway, his sister, Dorothy Ridgeway Simmons, and his daughter, Sandi Ridgeway Garrett. Lawrence enlisted in the US Naval Reserve, and served from November 1942, until his discharge in October 1945. Lawrence's first posting was as a guard at the Naval Station - Great Lake in Chicago, IL. His next and last posting was aboard the USS Yorktown (CV-10), from the day that Eleanor Roosevelt commissioned the ship into service, until his honorable discharge. Being a commissioning crewman earned him the title of "Plank Owner". While serving on the USS Yorktown, Lawrence earned the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon (Two Silver Stars), the American Theatre Ribbon, the Philippine Liberation Medal (1 Bronze Star), the World War II Victory Medal, the Shellback (crossing the Equator), the Golden (Shellback) Dragon Back (crossing the Equator at the International Date Line), and a Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon. Upon discharge, Lawrence was awarded the Ruptured Duck pin to wear on his lapel to reflect his status of honorable discharge. Survivors include his son, Mike (Deb) Ridgeway of Mayflower; three grandchildren, Denise (Joe) Koepke, Staci (Bill) Stone, and Amy (Kevin) Butler; seven great-grandchildren, Cody Baker, Devin Koepke, Nick (Melissa)

Stone, Taylor Stone, Colton Stone, Austin (Shelby) Butler, Aaliyah Butler; two great-great-grandchildren, Brayden Elmore, and Brooklynn Downs.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 28, 2023, at the Harris Chapel with Bro. John Chapman officiating. Burial will be at Campground Cemetery immediately after service. Arrangements are by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton.

Cemetery Details

Campground Cemetery

Overcup, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Harris Funeral Homes - Morrilton
1325 Oak St
Morrilton, AR 72110
(501) 354-4575

Funeral Service

SEP 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lawrence E. Ridgeway.

September 27, 2023 at 07:58 AM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Lawrence E. Ridgeway.



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lawrence E. Ridgeway.

September 26, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Lawrence E. Ridgeway.



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